(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि उपर्युक्त निदेशों के बावजूद वहां वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधीक्षकों की नियुक्ति की गई ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह इस संबंध में आदर्श आचार संहिता का उल्लंघन नहीं है; यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस मामले में उचित कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) और (ख) जी हां ।

(ग) और (घ) "राजनैतिक दलों और अभ्यर्थियों के मार्गदर्शन के लिए आदर्श आचार संहिता" में निर्वाचनों से संबंधित अधिकारियों की तैनाती और स्थानान्तरण के बारे में कोई उपबंध नहीं है । अतः संहिता के उल्लंघन या समुचित कार्रवाई करने का प्रश्न ही उत्पन्न नहीं होता है ।

2826. [*Transferred to the 29th August*, 1988].

Changes in election laws

2827. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward any changes in election laws to prevent large number of frivolous persons who become candidates in Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) As part of the proposals for electoral reforms, the Election Commission has put-forth certain suggestions for making suitable amendments to the election law in this regard. These *inter alia* include a ten fold increase in the security deposit, disqualification for not securing a minimum percentage of valid votes polled etc.

Muslim Judges in High Courts/ Supreme Court

2828. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Muslim judges in High Courts/Supreme Court alongwith the date of their appointments in each case; and

(b) whether Governments propose to appoint more Muslims as judges of High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ) : (a) The requisite information is given in the attached statement (*See* below)

(b) The Government have again addressed the Chief Ministers and Governors of States and the Chief Justices of High Courts in December, 1987 requesting them to locate persons from the bar belonging to minorities and weaker sections of society who are suitable for appointment as Judges of High Courts, so as to give them better representation of the High Courts than that exists at present.